

March 2004



Greetings from the Chief.

Well, as you are all aware, last weekend was spent at Camp Fox for the 132 that were able to make it! We certainly missed those of you that did not attend however a good time was had by all.

Many tribes had planned activities for Friday in the Long Beach area prior to departing from the San Pedro terminal. I and many of the Blackfeet spent the afternoon at the Aquarium before having a late lunch in Shoreline Village.

The weather on Friday was not quite as warm as we had expected in Long Beach although it was still a pleasant day. We all started to arrive at the terminal around 5 o'clock and checked in with Josie. It was certainly a different atmosphere and much quieter with only 100+ campers instead of the usual 200+.

We were very fortunate that the fast boat was chartered solely for our 'Y' and we were able to load our belongings very quickly and set sail into the sunset for Camp Fox. The 'voyage' was about 80 minutes and was really quite calm although I did see a few 'barf bags' being held!

Upon arrival we unloaded our goodies and proceed to set up camp. The usual hot chocolate and cookies were available and we were given 'the house rules' by the new camp director. 'Activities' carried on into the wee hours in many of the cabins and villas with the usual 'culprits' being involved!!!

After a healthy breakfast the fathers and children began to enjoy Bible Peak and all the other stuff that there is to

do at camp. I think fishing was a big hit this year with many children catching multiple fish.

Thank you to the Shawnee and Seminole tribes for hosting the Nation Games, everyone had a great time.

After dinner, we had our Camp Fire with Terry and Josie in 'rare form' leading the way!!!

There were many graduation photo's taken on Sunday morning. For those of you that missed out, I am sure Josie will arrange for you to have them taken at either the Jethawks game or at Mountasia in order to receive your plaque at family camp in June.

The 'slow boat' arrived at noon and we set off back to Long Beach in what I think was record time and arrived home around 4 o'clock, totally exhausted I might add!

Our next Nation events are all family affairs. First up is Mountasia on April 4th followed by the Jethawks on May 15th capped off with Spring Family Campout on June 4th. Be sure to look for the information sheets and booking details in this edition.

See you all soon,

Brian Williams
Nation Chief.
aka Prowling Bear

NATION EVENTS 2004

Mountasia
Sunday, April 4
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Family Event

Jethawks Baseball
Saturday, May 15
Game Time: 6:30 p.m.
Family Event

Spring Family Campout
Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6
Sycamore Canyon

TRIBAL NEWS

CHINOOK TRIBE

The Chinook gathered at the home of Running Brook and Crystal Brook (Mark and Anna Pasano) for our February Tribal Gathering. The girls had a wonderful time munching on pizza, sharing stories with the talking stick at the Tribal Circle, and working on their Shamrock craft in preparation for St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to the Pasanos for being such wonderful hosts.

Unfortunately, the Chinook were unable to make the cut for Camp Fox this year. (When they say to register early, folks, believe 'em!) So we will be holding our own March event -- Karaoke Night! The tribe will gather at Vincenzo's restaurant in Chatsworth for pizza and singing. Good luck getting the microphone away from your Chief!

Earlier in the year the Chinook held one of our meetings at Mountasia, and the kids had an absolute blast. We hope to see everyone there on April 4th for the Nation Event. It's really a great time. We'll be there -- because Chinook rocks!

Chief Singing Wind

SHAWNEE TRIBE

We are family!! We are the Mighty Shawnee!!
Camp Fox was THE GREATEST. It was a different experience to be with just half a tribe. But we managed to make up the difference with great weather, a smooth boat ride, and good friends. Special congratulations to Kendall, Macy, Lacy, and Carley for pulling together a fabulous skit/song for camp fire. Thanks Rachel Z. for your support in the wings. We missed you Gabriella, Elizabeth, Rachel K., Gwynn, Danielle, Stephanie, Megan and Melissa!! We also had a fantastic meeting at the Holland's with Yolanda's kitchen at its best. The Search and Rescue squad told us a lot about safety in the outdoors, how to survive in case of emergency. The truck they came in was really cool, especially the emergency lights. Thanks to all the Dad's, too!

Peace Big Buffy

MOHAVE TRIBE

The big news of course is Camp Fox! What a wonderful weekend it was for the boys and dads of the Mohave Tribe. Prior to departing on Friday the Tribe spent the afternoon at the Cabrillo museum learning about life in the ocean. The ride in the fast boat over to the camp was truly a treat and the weather was pleasant enough for the Tribe to stake a claim down by the water in the Villas; where the sound of crashing waves does much to drown out less pleasant sounds - did I mention that chili was served at Saturday's lunch.

The boys, Joel, Ryan, Chase, Craig & Ethan, participated in all the activities Camp Fox has to offer including: climbing Bible Peak, archery and kayaking. However, the two most popular activities for the Tribe had to be Frisbee golf - we got in probably 45 holes in two days, and fishing - one fish was so large and put up such a struggle that it snapped a fishing pole. The Tribe was a serious contender in the scavenger hunt, and won honorable mention for finding the roundest, flattest rock in the western hemisphere. All told it was a fantastic time and everyone is already looking forward to next year.



Mohave Tribe at Bible Peak

SIOUX NORTH TRIBE

The Sioux North tribe is celebrating the wonderful weather at Camp Fox and the survival of its members after eating the food. While the food did lead to some humorous musical moments and movements, the fun of fishing (congratulations to Jessica for catching 3 fish larger than 12 inches that made a fine dinner for Dad), jumping off the pier like Erin the wonder jumper who spent more time in the ocean than a fish - (someone should check her for gills), and climbing bible peak with first time participant Jessi who found the perfect spot to build her summer cottage, all lead to a fantastic weekend. The next tribe meeting will be on April 26th at Chief Big Bucks house at 7:00 p.m.....

Family Fun Night to benefit North Valley Family YMCA



at **MOUNTASIA**[®]
Family FunCenter

Day: Sunday

Date: April 4, 2004

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$13.00 per person



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Y-Guides & Princesses Trailblazers



Lancaster Jethawks Baseball

Saturday, May 15, 2004
Game Time: 6:30 p.m.

Join the YMCA Guides, Princesses and Trailblazers at the Jethawks baseball game on Saturday, May 15. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. and a free pennant will be given to the first 1500 fans in attendance.

Directions: From the 14 Fwy, exit at Avenue I in Lancaster and go west to Valley Central Way. At Valley Central Way turn left.

This is a family event. A limited number of tickets are available, so sign up early.

Tickets: \$6.00
Patches: \$3.00

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